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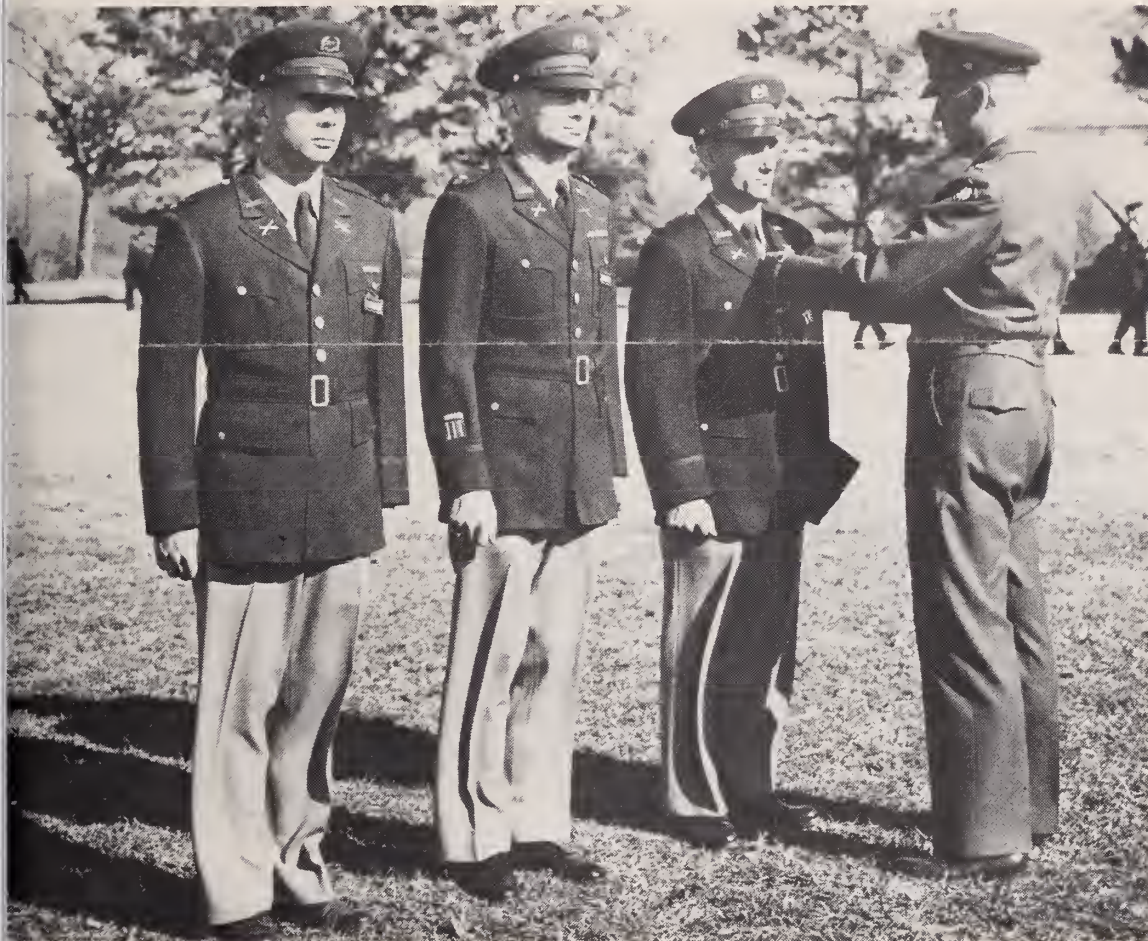
# Alumni Columns

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NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

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## OUTSTANDING MILITARY STUDENTS GET AWARDS



### RECEIVING DISTINGUISHED MILITARY STUDENT AWARDS

These three Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at a recent review on the campus at Northwestern State College. Shown as they receive their ribbons are, from left to right, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jerry G. Epperson, senior battalion commander from Baker, Louisiana; Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Jimmie G. Kincaid, of Natchitoches, and Cadet Lieutenant Bobby Bass of Winnfield. Making the presentation, and pinning the ribbons on the recipients, is Lieutenant Colonel O. Greening, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

The Distinguished Military Student Award is the highest that can be conferred by the local R.O.T.C. and is eagerly sought by members of the Cadet Corps. A cadet must rank in the upper half of his military science class, must have satisfactory grades in all other classes, and must show outstanding leadership ability to be designated as a distinguished military student.

## ALUMNI Here 'n There

Miss Leontine Engler, A. B. '34, formerly of Carville, is now working in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She is working with the Rural Education Party, which is making a survey and study of Haitian educational and economic standards on the island possession of the United States.

She has written to have her ALUMNI COLUMNS mailed to her in care of United States Embassy, Foreign Operations Administration, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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A letter from Mrs. Ralph R. Woods, Grayson, Kentucky, states: "Though I seldom find time for an entire newspaper, I read every page of the Alumni Columns."

Mrs. Woods is the former Evelyn Lorraine Dawson, R.N., B. S. '53, of Baton Rouge. She and her three-month-old son, Bobby Earl, spent a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dawson, Baton Rouge, in December.

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2nd Lt. Bobby M. Earnest, B. S. '54, 217 B Bradshaw, U.H.P., Fort Bliss, Texas, has been assigned as an instructor in the light Anti-Aircraft gunnery section of the 405th S. U., The Artillery School.

He and Mrs. Earnest, the former Marjorie Myrick, ex '50, of Alexandria, like their assignment very much. He wrote: "It is a very good duty assignment."

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bennett, 406 Miller, Albion, Michigan, have just written to have their ALUMNI COLUMNS sent to their present address. Mrs. Bennett is the former Colleen Lancaster, B. S. '47, of Greenville, Mississippi.

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## Mayor Gardner To Address Fall Graduates

Mayor James C. Gardner, recently inaugurated mayor of Shreveport and former member of the Legislature from Caddo Parish, will make the Commencement Address to the graduates at the end of the fall semester, January 27, 1955.

Graduates for the fall semester are:

**BACHELOR OF ARTS:** Dora Belle Bourg, New Orleans; Addie Campbell Burris, Vidalia; Gerald R. Carter, Winnfield; Pearl Lilley Cook, Florien; Billie Jean Crowell, Grayson; Carolyn Conley Davis, Natchitoches; Vera Gabbert Graham, Natchitoches; Paul Hagle, Natchitoches; Bobby Hale, Baskin; Aline McMickle Hughes, Natchitoches; W. C. Hughes, Hornbeck; Virgie Viola Lewis, Delhi; Nannette McDonald, Greensburg; Barbara Montgomery, Hodge; John F. Spataro, Jr., Bossier City; Ida Annie Torrans, Shreveport; Gladys Walker, Campti; and Dan Conerly Waters, Dodson.

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION:** Owen Roy Phillips, Glenmora.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:** Kathleen L. Barker, Lecompte; Delton Brady, Atlanta; William F. Bryant, Jr., New Llano; Billy D. Butler, Pineville; Velma Reeves Clark, Jena; Zilla Ann Conerly, Leesville; Sylvia Inell Davis, Greensburg; John Dudley Downing, Baton Rouge; Kerry L. Durr, Marthaville; Verley Ray Guillory, Eunice; John M. Hicks, New Orleans; Hunter B. Jenkins, Lake Providence; Joseph M. Koonce, Little Rock, Ark.; Billie Jean Lambright, Pitkin; Alan Lewis Langridge, Shreveport; Elizabeth Loomis, Clayton; Johnny C. McFerren, Marthaville; Johnny Steve Marshall, Forest Hill; Martha Lynn Middleton, Pleasant Hill.

Mona Grey Miller, Natchitoches; Robert L. Miller, Natchitoches; Charles L. Moreland, New Era; Robert Hugh Pender, Natchitoches; Mayo K. Prudhomme, Bermuda; Julio Alberto Ramirez, Sunset; Charlene Ray, Winnfield; Jerry W. Reddell, Forest Hill; James Dennis Rider, Natchitoches; Robert G. Sanders, Woodworth;

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## TO VISIT GERMANY



DR. G. WALDO DUNNINGTON, Professor of German and English at the College, will leave on the S. S. UNITED STATES for Bremerhaven, Germany, on February 1, to visit Brunswick and the University of Gottingen, Germany, for the centennial of the death of Carl Friedrich Gauss, eminent German Mathematician, on February 23, 1955.

Dr. Dunnington has written several articles about Gauss, noted physicist and astronomer as well as mathematician, and will publish a biography of Gauss this year.

While a student in Germany, Dunnington tried to persuade the German Government to memorial-

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## Graduates—

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Octavia Dare Sandlin, Natchitoches; Bernice L. Shaw, Jamestown; Sue M. Shaw, Hanna; Albert D. Smart, Leesville; Billy Jean Smith, Heflin; Lynn Everett Snell, Fisher; Gary C. Warren, Benton; Tommy Ray West, Zwolle; and Theresa Cecile Wright, Many.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:** Ila Mae Milton, Walker; Bobbye Maxine Murphy, Homer; Vivian Maurice Nickels, Natchitoches; Marcia T. Rozeman, Keatchie; Dora Lynn Stephens, Bastrop; and Irma Dixon Sylvester, Alexandria.

**THREE-YEAR DIPLOMA IN NURSING:** Sue Baggerly, Hodge; Peggy Joyce Bonner, Lake Charles; Lizabetb Ann Colvin, Bernice; Rose Marie Farrar, Lillie; Emma Jane Flory, Bossier City; Leroy E. Gillan, Shreveport; Mary Shipp Lindsey, Sarepta; Virginia McDonnell, Port Allen; Sara LaVerne Maggio, Mansfield; Patsy Valentine Murphy, Tallulah; and Marjorie Baxley Nettles, Baton Rouge.

## Alumni Here 'N There

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Gordon is field representative in first aid and water safety for the American Red Cross. Mrs. Bennett is teaching Physical Education at Albion College.

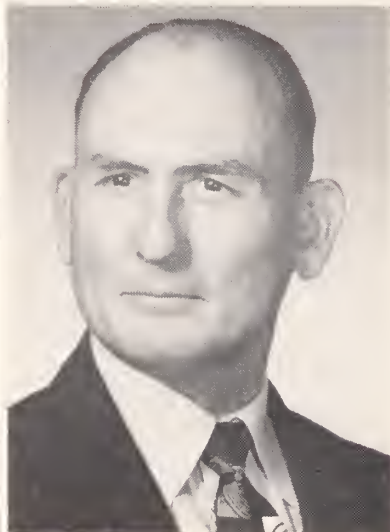
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A note from Bea Dunham Noonan, A. B. '49, states that she and her husband have returned from Wyoming and are now living in Shreveport, Route 4, Box 97.

Mrs. Noonan's brother, Dr. V. A. Dunham, B. S. '41, is now living at 1627 West Whitton, Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Dunham is now associated with the Lois Grunow Memorial Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Dunham is married and has two children, Trudy, seven, and Whitney, four. His wife is the former Blanche Paul.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT



CECIL C. GRAHAM, principal of the Northwestern State Elementary School, was elected as Superintendent of Natchitoches Parish Schools at the January 1 meeting of the school board. He will assume the office on July 1, at which time Superintendent E. A. Lee, incumbent for the past thirty years, will retire.

Graham, A. B. '30, received his M. A. Degree from Louisiana State University in 1949. He is a native of Natchitoches Parish and was reared at Creston. He is married and has five children.

Graham is an experienced school man, having served as coach and teacher at Walker High School (1926-1929), principal at Quitman High School (1930-1936), and assistant principal at Belcher High School (1936-1942). He came to Natchitoches High School as supervising teacher in January, 1943, and served in that position until January, 1951, at which time he accepted his present position as principal of the elementary school.

Lt. (j.g.) Elvin Lightsey, VP-28, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California, writes from Hawaii to express his appreciation for receiving the ALUMNI COLUMNS regularly. He stated: "I look forward to receiving it each month, and read it with much enthusiasm. It furnishes me with some insight as to where my colleagues are and what they are doing. This, coupled with news of the happenings at school, is of much interest to me."

Lightsey, B. S. '52 in Health and Physical Education, is assistant administration officer and athletic and special services officer, which permits him to do some work in his college major. He expects to be released from active duty in May, 1956.

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A letter from Mrs. Herman Humer, the former Gertrude Gill, A. B. '32, of Homer, comes from Fort Lyautey, French Morocco, to change her address; for, as she stated: "... The job here in Fort Lyautey has been completed. So—until I have another more permanent address, please send my ALUMNI COLUMNS to me, c/o E. L. Gill, Box 278, Homer, La."

Mrs. Humer, being married to a construction engineer, lived in the Philippines for two years before going to French Morocco, where she has been for the past three years. French Morocco, she states, is NOT "Darkest Africa" as her family feared.

## Demon Footballers Named All-America, All-GSC

Sportswriters, coaches, pollsters, forecasters, prognosticators, et al. have a yen, come the end of the football season, to make many varied selections for All-America, All-Conference, All-Anything, back up their judgment, sports articles, predictions, or what not. Here they are from our College team:

## GSC COACHES SELECTION

For All-GSC honors, Northwestern placed three on the first team and two on the second team. Dudley Downing, senior, from Baton Rouge; Charles Johnson, sophomore, from Delhi; and Searle Winton, senior, from Bossier City, were named to the first team. Bill Tatum, senior, from Waterpross, and Bill Harris, senior, from Bossier City, second team.

DOWNING, TATUM ALL-AMERICAN. Downing and Tatum were named to the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics All-America team, and Downing was given a berth on the Williams All-America second team.

## LA. SPORTS WRITERS ALL-GSC

First team positions were given to Dudley Downing, Bob Tatum and Charles Johnson. On the second team were Searle Walton and James McNew, sophomore from Ferriday. Third team: A. Langridge, Shreveport, Don Mullen, Bossier City.

## THREE VERY FRIENDLY COUSINS



Pictured, left to right, are Jim Gates, Katie Jane Burgess, and Howard Gates, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burgess, all of Oakdale.

Mrs. Gates is the former Julia Collier, B. S. '46, and Mrs. Burgess is the former Alice Collier, B. S. '45. Mr. Howard Gates is employed by the Oakdale JOURNAL, and Mr. Burgess is office engineer for Newpor Industries Inc. Another Burgess daughter, Paula, is 2.



## Demons Have 10-4 Record In Basketball

With the basketball season just lightly past the half-way mark, the Demons hold a record of 10 wins against 4 defeats.

Following the jaunt to Fayetteville, where the Razorbacks of the University of Arkansas fell to the Demons 74-68, they traveled to Houston, Texas, to take North Texas State to the tune of 71-53. Southern Methodist University stangs throttled the Demons at Dallas 99-86.

Returning to their home court for the next four games, the Demons split these contests, winning from Southern State College 79-65, losing to Stephen F. Austin 72-68, and to Southeastern Oklahoma State 79-104. On the rebound the next night, they defeated Northeast Oklahoma by a score of 64-60.

### NORTH MIDWEST TOURNAMENT

Moving into Terre Haute, Indiana, as defending tournament champions, the Demons again captured the championship by defeating Central State of Missouri in the semi-finals, and Anderson College of Indiana in the final game.

Dick Brown and Bill Collinsworth were named to the All-tournament team, and George McConathy was awarded the title of rebounding Ace."

Northwestern State became the second team in the history of the tournament to win two straight games. Indiana State pulled the trick in 1947 and 1948.

En route home, the Demons defeated Arkansas College at Batesville 61-60.

### POST-HOLIDAY GAMES

North Texas State met the Demons on the N. S. C. court to start the season after the holidays, and the Demons came out on the top side of a 91-74 score to give them a record of 8 wins and 3 losses before entering Gulf States Conference competition.

### DEMONS BEGIN GSC GAMES

Displaying a tremendous drive in the second half, the Demons came from behind to topple the high-scoring Indians of Northeast State College by the score of 101-94.

Dominating the first half, the Indians, led by sharp-shooting Melvin Gibson, moved out in front in the early stages of the game and maintained a 5 to 8-point lead until about 2 minutes before the end of the half, when the Demons pulled up to within one point (47-46) of the Indians. The Indians again widened the margin, and the score at half-time read 55-52.

During the first half the Indians connected on 57.6% of their floor shots and the Demons on 51.2%.

The second half was less than one minute old when Bill Collinsworth pitched in a long one-hander to move the Demons ahead for the first time, 56-55. The scores were tied at 56-56, 58-58, and 62-62, but the Demons moved out ahead and were never caught again, although the Indians moved within one point on two occasions.

Gibson, of Northeast, was high-point man with 38 points, made on 9 field goals and 20 of 25 free throws. He was followed by team-

mate Bradley with 20 points.

For the Demons, five players got into the two-digit bracket. They were led by McConathy with 24 points, followed by Walker who garnered 21, Brown 18, Collinsworth 16, and Langston 13.

The Demons led in field goals 36-39, but the Northeast Indians led in free throws 36-29.

### TECH NOSES OUT DEMONS 81-80

Meeting the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs on the enemy floor for the locals' second conference game, the Demons were nosed out in the last few seconds of play by a score of 81-80.

Outscoring the Bulldogs from the floor, the Demons lost the game via the charity route, chalking up 28 personal fouls against themselves while the Bulldogs made only 17.

The Demons trailed at the half

### BARRY AND EDDIE ANGLIN



Barry and Eddie Anglin, all dressed up for the sandman, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Anglin of Haynesville. Mrs. Anglin is the former Frances Knox, graduate in Secretarial Science and a niece of Mrs. Jewell Jones. Mr. Anglin is employed by an oil company in Haynesville.

by a margin of 47-39 but quickly put themselves in the game in the second half. The game see-sawed back and forth throughout the latter part of the game, with Tech moving out in front 81-79 with 26 seconds left to play. Langston had an opportunity to tie the game with 2 seconds remaining. He missed the first free throw and made the second. Apparently intending to miss the last shot and hoping for a tip in, he bounced the ball on the ring and against the backboard, but the ball rolled through the basket, cinching the game for the Bulldogs.

Leading scorers for the Demons were Thomas 21, Collinsworth 14, Brown 12, Walker 11, McConathy 9, and Langston 7. Coker led the Bulldogs with 25 points.

### CENTENARY EDGED 94-91

In a high-scoring, non-confer-

### ASSIGNED TO INDIA



REV. CARLOS A. WELCH, B. S. '48, of Natchitoches, has recently been assigned by the Methodist Board of Missions to teach psychology and do social work in India. The assignment was made at the joint assembly of all Methodistism's boards and agencies on January 12, at their meeting in the Scottish Rite Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Welch, a biology major at NSC, has done graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, and also at Northwestern University. He received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1953.

While in the seminary, Mr. Welch was minister of youth and assistant pastor of the Methodist Church in Oak Park, Ill., and assistant pastor of the Methodist Church at Sycamore, Ill. Advanced study last summer and last fall has included clinical training (Continued on page 4)

ence game, featuring a scoring duel between Dick Brown and Burl Plunkett, the Demons upset the Centenary Gents by the score of 91-91.

The Demons trailed throughout the greater part of the first half and pulled out in front at the half-time 46-45.

With first one team and then the other gaining the lead, the second half was a thrill-packed event for the spectators. The Demons moved into the lead at 68-67 and were never headed thereafter.

Walker got two free throws with the score 92-91, with only 10 seconds remaining. He missed both shots but recovered the ball to sink a 2-pointer to clinch the game.

High scorer for the game was Demon Dick Brown with 32 points. He was followed by the Gents' Plunkett with 29. McConathy, Langston, and Walker were in the

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Big George McConathy goes high in the air to tip in a rebound in a hotly contested game with the Northeast Indians, which the Demons won by a score of 101-94, setting a new record for total points made in a game on the Demon court. Lavelle "Loopy" Langston (16) stands in the event George misses the tip in.



## FUTURE OPERATIC SINGING STAR



Here is shown a four-way exposure of little Raneta Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson, 6531 LaSalle Avenue, Baton Rouge. Mrs. Richardson is the former Maxine Sawyer, A. B. Fall, '40, from Ferriday. She taught in Bastrop and later served as supervising teacher in the laboratory schools of Southeastern and Louisiana Tech.

Mr. Richardson is a former member of the Louisiana Tech engineering staff and is presently employed in the research department of Delta Tank Co., Baton Rouge.

## Cupid's Doings

Miss Barbara Ruth Powell of Stamps, Arkansas, and PATRICK CARY NATION, B. S. '13, of Minden, were married in the First Methodist Church in Stamps, on December 18, with the Rev. Fred Arnold officiating.

The Nations are both teaching at Minden High School. At the present time she is a physical education instructor, and he is a coach and biology teacher.

MISS PEGGY ANN ENLOE, student at the College from Saline, and PAXTON GEORGE WILLIS, B. S. '54, of Shreveport, were united in marriage at the Magnolia Baptist Church in Saline on December 21, with the Rev. Frank Walker officiating at the ceremony.

The bridegroom is stationed at the U. S. Naval School at Newport, Rhode Island.

MISS BEBE JOY GALLENDER, former student at the College, of Ferriday, and Ed Hartman Gulley were married in the Sevier Memorial Methodist Church in Ferriday on December 26, with the Rev. Don Alverson officiating at the double-ring ceremony.

After returning from their wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Minden.

MISS ELIZABETH ANN COLVIN, nursing student of Bernice, and

Sam Carrigan, of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, were married on January 20 in St. John's Catholic Church in Shreveport.

MISS FRANCES IRENE PUGH, former student at the College from Minden, and Asa Jackson Warren of Heflin, were married in St. Paul's Catholic Church of Minden on December 11, with the Rev. M. L. Plauche officiating.

The bridegroom is now employed as a teacher-coach in the Minden Junior High School. The young couple are at home at 614 Elm Street, Minden.

MISS JACKIE CHAMPION, student at the College from Shreveport, and Wyeth Hardy Worley, Shreveport, were married in the Kings Highway Christian Church on Dec. 26. They will attend Centenary.

MISS SUDIE LOOMIS, from Clayton, and HUGH MERCER, B. S. '54, of Winnfield, were united in marriage in the Clayton Baptist Church on December 28, with the Rev. A. D. Langston of West Monroe officiating.

In March the groom will go into the Air Force as a commissioned officer.

MISS OPHELIA INEZ LAROUX, 3-year Nursing '54, of Zwolle, and Lt. James J. Vanasse, of Naugatuck, Connecticut, were married on December 31 in the Sacred

Heart Catholic Church of Pineville.

Mrs. Vanasse is on the nursing staff at the Veterans Hospital in Alexandria. Lt. Vanasse graduated from Connecticut Teachers' College and is now stationed at the Air Force Base in Alexandria.

MISS EVA CHARLSIE ROSS, graduate of the College from Many, and MASTON EUGENE WRIGHT, JR., also of Many and a student at the College, were married on December 19 in the First Baptist Church of Many, with the Rev. William H. Rose officiating at the afternoon ceremony.

MISS JIMMY PARKER of Vivian, B. S. '51, and George Leonard Doerge of Minden were married in the Sarepta Baptist Church on December 19, with the Rev. John A. Strom officiating.

The Doerges will be at home in Sarepta, where the bride is a member of the high school faculty and Mr. Doerge is employed by an oil company.

MISS BILLIE JEAN LAMBRIGHT, student at the College from Pitkin, and PAUL KING of Sterlington, a student at the College, also, were married at the First Baptist Church of Pitkin on December 19, with the Rev. Fred Norris officiating.

MISS JUSTINE BAKER of Athens and DOUGLAS W. ROBINSON of Bossier City, both students at the College, were united in marriage on December 10.

The groom is a veteran of the Korean Wars. Both plan to continue their studies at the College.

## Dunnington—

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ize Gauss with a postage stamp. Due largely to his efforts the German government will issue this year a new stamp series commemorating the death of Gauss 100 years ago, February 23.

Dr. Dunnington plans to visit Bayreuth, the home of Jean Paul, and will visit Dr. Theodor Langenmaier, President of Jean Paul Society and editor of its magazine, HESPERUS. He will return to NSC in March, after visiting in Switzerland.

## Basketball—

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two-digit bracket for NSC with 19, 14, and 14, respectively.

Centenary committed 36 personal fouls and the Demons made 21, which indicates the tenseness and pressure.

## Rev. Welch—

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in counseling at the Bellevue Hospital in New York City and Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

Rev. Welch is the son of M. and Mrs. Fred Welch of Natchitoches, one of twelve children in his family.

## DONNIE PICKENS



Donald Wayne "Donnie" Pickens, age 6 years, 10 months, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pickens of Pollock. Mrs. Pickens is the former Kathleen Gregg, B. S. '44, of Campbell. She is a member of the Tioga High School faculty, where she has been teaching since her graduation from NSC.

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